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Honorable Walter F. Mondale
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Mondale:

For quite some time I have been speaking on the subject of the Kennedy assassination in the Minneapolis area and in other parts of Minnesota. I have studied this subject for the past 4 1/2 years and am Director of the Minnesota Assassination Inquiry Committee. As time goes by I will be speaking to an ever increasing number of your constituents since interest in this serious subject has not diminished much since 1963. At present, in fact, I am unable to keep up with the demand, perhaps because my presentation is done entirely with slides and movies and deals solely with the evidence, not speculation.

I am writing to ask you to request a re-opening of the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. The standard Justice Department reply to such requests--that critics of the Warren Commission have no new evidence other than that body of evidence which was examined by the Warren Commission--is not only utter nonsense but dishonest as well. As the Justice Department well knows from the printed record, not to mention the critical books which Justice Department personel claim to have read, the Warren Commission examined only a fraction of the evidence now housed in their files in the National Archives. The Archives contains a vast body of evidence which is "new" insofar as the Warren Commission is concerned. In addition, there is a vast body of evidence referred to in FBI reports in the National Archives which is not itself in the Archives. Somewhere around 10% of the photographic evidence is there, and the Commission examined less than 1% of it. In addition, tests performed on pieces of evidence and/or studies of evidence by experts would certainly be considered "new evidence," and a vast amount of this has been done to try to fill the void left by the Commission. Then there is material collected by the FBI or some other federal agency which never reached the Commission--something we have many examples of. Finally, the new Justice Department 1968 Panel Report on the autopsy photos and X-rays adds much new data, including a number of new mysteries (change in position of the wounds, for example) and indications that the autopsy report published by the Commission is inaccurate and that the autopsy surgeons perjured themselves when they testified before the Commission.

I have photographs, original FBI reports and other documents, and other material on slides for quick presentation if you would like to examine it. I would also be glad to correspond with you on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

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